

# MANDATORY NOTICE FOR SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT\*

## MEDICAL AND FORENSIC SERVICES

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Survivors of sexual assault should seek medical attention as soon as possible. You may request transportation to the hospital.

### Services Available

If you request medical forensic services, the hospital must offer a general medical exam, treat injuries, evaluate the need for medications, and collect forensic evidence. Upon request, a hospital must perform a forensic exam and complete an evidence kit up to 7 days after the assault regardless of your age.

### Evidence Preservation

You may not be sure whether or not you want to participate in the criminal justice process right now, but it is important to know that critical evidence may be lost if you change clothes; bathe, shower or douche; use the restroom; eat; smoke; or brush teeth or gargle, depending on the nature of the attack.

The sooner the medical forensic exam is performed, the more evidence is available for collection.

### Storage of Evidence

If evidence is collected from you, but you are unsure about allowing law enforcement to test the evidence, the evidence will be stored for 5 years or, if you are under the age of 18, until your 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday. You can consent to test the evidence at any time during this period.

**You will NOT be billed for any services provided in the emergency room.** In addition, if you are eligible, the hospital will give you a voucher for 90 days of follow-up care.

## HOSPITAL INFORMATION

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The nearby hospital below provides emergency medical and forensic services for sexual assault survivors:

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| Hospital Name    |
| Hospital Address |

This hospital employs a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner:      Yes / No / Unknown      (Circle One)

\*This form must be provided by the responding law enforcement agency at time of initial contact pursuant to 725 ILCS 203/25(a). This requirement is effective January 1, 2017.

## CIVIL NO CONTACT ORDERS / ORDERS OF PROTECTION

Survivors of sexual assault may petition for a Civil No Contact Order (CNCO) or an Order of Protection (OP) that can order the offender to:

- Stay away from you and away from specific locations, such as your residence, your work, and your school
- Have no contact with you

The CNCO or OP can be obtained in civil court at a local courthouse. You will not pay a fee for requesting the order. While you can obtain a CNCO or OP on your own, it is best done with the assistance of an advocate or attorney. If the courthouse is closed but a judge is available, you may request that the officer provide or arrange transportation to the judge.

*You may be able to obtain sexual assault support services for free. These services include advocacy, counseling, assistance with information about the medical forensic exam, understanding the criminal justice system, and obtaining a Civil No Contact Order or an Order of Protection. You are encouraged to contact:*

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| Rape Crisis Center Name | Hotline Number |
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## RESPONDING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

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| Responding Officer's Name              | Star/Badge Number   |
| Responding Law Enforcement Agency Name | Agency Phone Number |
| Report Number                          | Date                |

## LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY WHICH WILL COMPLETE INVESTIGATION

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| Law Enforcement Agency Name         |
| Law Enforcement Agency Address      |
| Law Enforcement Agency Phone Number |